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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Army Staff Sgt. William Ryan Fritsche.

Whereas, Army Staff Sgt. William Ryan Fritsche was killed on July 27, 2007 when his unit came under fire from enemy combatants in Afghanistan;

Whereas, those who knew Staff Sgt. Fritsche described him as a quiet, focused, and determined boy who would have succeeded at anything he tried. He enjoyed playing basketball and golf, riding 4-wheelers, listening to country music, and being outdoors;

Whereas, after graduating from Martinsville High School in 2002, Staff Sgt. Fritsche began serving in the United States Army and was promoted to Sergeant in April, 2005. He was chosen to serve in the Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery and marched in President Bush's inaugural procession in Washington, D.C., in 2005; and

Whereas, in Afghanistan, Staff Sgt. Fritsche served with the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. During his military career, he was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, a NATO citation, an Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon and the Combat Infantry Badge; and

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Whereas, Staff Stg. Ryan Fritsche will be remembered as a hero who gave his life to protect this great nation: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the General Assembly expresses its condolences
on the death of Staff Sgt. William Ryan Fristche and extends to his
family sincere appreciation for his sacrifice defending freedom for all
people.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Staff Sgt. Fritsche's widow, Brandi Fritsche; his mother, Morgan County Sheriff's Department Detective Sergeant Volitta Fritsche; and his grandfather, J.W. Miller.

